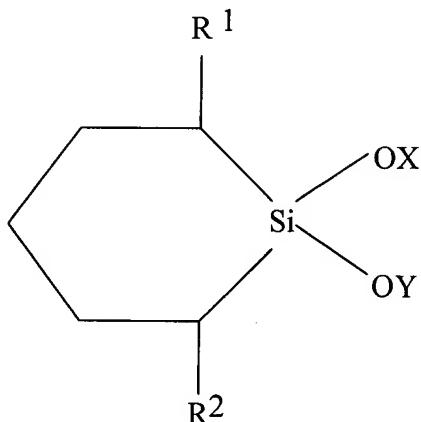


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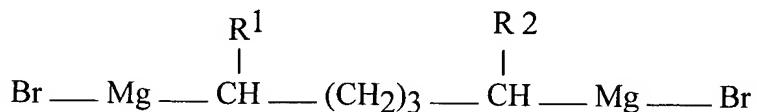
Cancel claim 42 and 44 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1-44 (canceled)

Claim 45 (previously presented): Process for preparing a dialkoxy silacyclohexane of formula

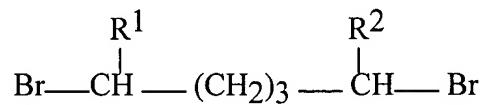


in which R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, which may be identical or different, represent alkyl radicals containing 1 to 5 carbon atoms, and X and Y, which may be identical or different, are alkyl radicals containing 1 to 6 carbon atoms, the method comprising reacting an alkylated dimagnesium dibromide of formula



with a tetraalkoxysilane of formula (OR<sup>a</sup>)(OR<sup>b</sup>)(OR<sup>c</sup>)(OR<sup>d</sup>)Si, in which R<sup>a</sup>, R<sup>b</sup>, R<sup>c</sup>, and R<sup>d</sup> are selected from the same group as X and Y, at least one of the radicals R<sup>a</sup>, R<sup>b</sup>, R<sup>c</sup>, and R<sup>d</sup> being identical to X, and at least one of the radicals R<sup>a</sup>, R<sup>b</sup>, R<sup>c</sup>, and R<sup>d</sup> being identical to Y.

Claim 46 (original): Process according to claim 45, wherein the alkylenedimagnesium dibromide is prepared by a process comprising reacting a dibromoalkane of formula:



with magnesium.